

Edgar Williams

Ashey Cemetery A 103 RSHG A01

Mr Edgar Williams, aged 90, of 41 Swanmore Road and who was one of the last of the old lamp-lighters of Ryde, died on 6th September 1978. He was born at Church Lane*, Ryde, and lived in the town all his life with the exception of his service with the Royal Artillery in Egypt and Palestine during the 1914-18 war. After the war he became foreman lamp-lighter with the old Ryde Gaslight and Coke Company before the introduction of timing mechanisms on street lamps. During WW2 he served with the Auxillary Fire Service at Ryde and later became a member of the Borough of Ryde AFS Old Comrades' Social Club.

*A son of "Coachman" Harry Williams (buried Ryde Old Cemetery Section M Plot 1803A RSHG 010 A1)

Edgar's daughter Joan Elizabeth Williams (my 2nd cousin) b 29/11/16 d 24/02/10 buried 10/03/10. She was a school teacher and guide leader.

Information from Arthur Williams 24 February 2012